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Title: RIGID BACKPACK )

**AMENDMENT TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 25, 2006**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed August 25, 2006, regarding the above identified application, applicant respectfully requests allowance of the claims based on Examiner consideration of the following: